

From a letter from Ch. Stentham dated July 13. 1782 from Mr. Stentham
Dr. Leigh sent me the following account concerning Wolwyn - March 20. 1782
Rich. Wolwyn Esq. died in the Castle Street at Hereford and was buried at High Wycombe
Saturday the 31. Staged 31. This is taken from a memorandum of the main warning
which was sent to young Mr. ~~Wolwyn~~ ^{Wolwyn} widow, and only known to the Castle
Street Hereford. The same Mr. main warning says that the collection
To the Rev. Dr. Leigh of Lepton Sp
at Hereford

in the County of Hereford.

S I R,

HA V I N G for my Diversion travelled over Part of the County of Hereford, and
and having taken the Arms and Inscriptions in and about divers of its Churches,
and collected some valuable Records relating to its Antiquities; I propose, *Deo favente*, to
attempt rescuing the small Remains of former Ages from the Obscurity they are now
buried in, that they may not be wholly lost to Posterity; and, if I meet with sufficient En-
couragement from you, and the rest of the Gentlemen and Clergy, to go cheerfully on with
what I have begun, and finish it with all convenient Expedition.

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I also hope, Sir, you will not confine your Accounts to your own Parish; since 'tis possible, some of your Neighbours may want the Opportunities of Information you have, or not so perfectly understand or consider the Nature or Extent of my Design: and you may be assured, that whatever is communicated shall be most gratefully and publickly acknowledged by

S I R,

Your most obliged and obedient humble Servant,

Hereford, *All Saints Day*, 1749.

R. W A L W Y N.

in the widow's hand, that he believes it is a pretty considerable one, and that he has heard the widow declares she designed to keep it till her son who is now in his 9th year, was of age. Dr Robert of Rush (I am informed) has a work of the same kind on hand

QUERIES relating to the County of HEREFORD.

1.

ON what River the Parish, &c. is situated? Its Extent and Bounds? What Places lie on the East, West, North, and South? What Tythings or Hamlets, and their Names; and to what Division, Hundred, or Liberty they belong? What Fairs or Markets kept up, or disused, on what Days, and by whom granted, and when? What particular Trade carried on?

2.

What peculiar Customs, Tenures, &c. What Fields of Battle or Burial-Places? What Manors, Estates, Castles, Seats, or remarkable Houses, or their Ruins? Their ancient and present Lords; their Genealogies, Coats of Arms, Crests, &c. What ancient and modern Names of Places, Hills, Woods, Chaces, Commons, Rivers, Boundaries of Forests and Chaces, &c? From whence derived?

3.

What Saint the Church is dedicated to? Whether leaded, tiled, &c.? And in what Condition it is? What number of Bells, and what Inscriptions on them? Has it any Steeple, Tower, &c.? What Tombs, Monuments, Coats of Arms, Inscriptions in the Churches and Churchyards? Especially what before the Reformation? What painted Glass, and by whom erected? In what Part of the Church are the Monuments and Arms? How old the Register? What Births, Burials, Marriages of Persons of note occur in it? What Incumbents, and the Time of their Admission, Degrees, University, Preferments, Writings, Deaths, Burials, &c? What Charities or Benefactions given to the Church or Parish, when, and by whom? What Church Lands, and their ancient and present Owners?

4.

What Ruins of Religious Houses, Churches, Chapels and Chantries? By whom, and when demolished? What Wakes and Proceffions, and on what Days? What remarkable Croffes? Who Patron of the Living, now and anciently? Whether it be a Rectory, Vicarage, Donative, or Sine-Cure? If a Vicarage, to whom the rectorial Tythes appropriated or impropriated, now or formerly?

5.

What natural Rarities, medicinal Springs, Mines, Quarries, &c.? What Soil and Product? What Rivers and Brooks, where they rise, and fall into other Rivers?

6.

What Roman Antiquities, Fortifications, Encampments, Ways, Pavements, Urns, Rings, Seals, Coins, Barrows or Tumuli? What British, Saxon, or Danish Antiquities?